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Dr. Sterling

Many of you are probably aware that Dr. Theodor D. Sterling has left Washington University and is Director and Professor of Computer Science Programs at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia. Dr. Sterling does not believe, I am happy to say, that his new position will inhibit active participation by him in his many areas of interest, including the smoking and health controversy. Some information about Simon Fraser is enclosed.

I enclose also two items of interest concerning Dr. Sterling.

attached - ①
The first is a copy of a speech that he will present to the Annual Meeting of the American Statistical Association August 16, 1972. This paper is based on Dr. Sterling's report "A Critical Reassessment of the Evidence Bearing on Smoking as the Cause of Lung Cancer." I forwarded a copy of this report to you with my letter of October 20, 1971. The speech attached is a review of the selection biases prevalent in the major population studies, particularly Hammond's ACS studies. *attach ②*

The second Sterling item enclosed is a page from the program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting to be held in Washington, D. C., in December 1972. Dr. Sterling will be presenting a paper entitled "Measuring the Effects of Air Pollution vs. the Effects of Smoking" at the session.

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In addition to the foregoing, I enclose with this letter a copy of the "literary" exchange which has followed publication of Dr. Carl C. Seltzer's article "Critical Appraisal of the Royal College of Physicians' Report on Smoking and Health." This article appeared in The Lancet on January 29, 1972. While you were sent a copy of the article shortly after its appearance, another copy is enclosed for your convenience.

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